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For: METHOD OF IMPROVING SURFACE  
PLANARITY PRIOR TO MRAM BIT  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the Written Opinion which has issued in the PCT application (PCT/US 02/40352) corresponding to the above-referenced U.S. application. The references discussed in the Written Opinion were previously submitted in a Supplemental IDS filed on June 18, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references discussed therein be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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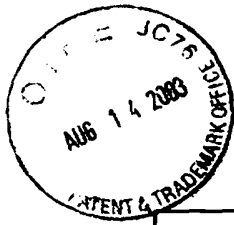
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